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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LABAS ET AL.

Examiner

David Montanari

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,9-11 and 19-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,9-11 and 19-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants arguments and amendments filed 8/25/2006 have been entered.
2. A new examiner has taken over prosecution of the instant application.
3. Claims 3-8 and 12-18 are cancelled.
4. Claims 1, 2, 9-11 and 19 amended.
5. Claims 20-24 are newly added.
6. Claims 1, 2, 9-11 and 19-24 are examined in the instant application.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code (page 47, line 17). Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01. Appropriate correction is required.

Response to Arguments

Applicants argue in amendment filed 10/25/2006 that the instant specification has been amended to delete "http://". However this is not persuasive. A link to a website still exists in the instant specification. This is not permissible under MPEP § 608.01, and the entire link must be deleted from the instant specification. The objection is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 9-11 and 19 and new claims 20-24 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for:

An isolated nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO:17, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a functional fluorescent protein; a construct comprising a vector and said nucleic acid; an expression cassette comprising said nucleic acid; a host cell comprising said expression cassette; and a kit comprising said nucleic acid, does not reasonably provide enablement for:

A nucleic acid that has a sequence identity of at least 95% with SEQ ID NO:17, a construct comprising a vector and said nucleic acid; an expression cassette comprising said nucleic acid; a host cell comprising said expression cassette; and a kit comprising said nucleic acid for reasons of record in the office action mailed 5/3/2006.

Claims 1, 2, 9-11, 19 and new claims 20-24 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention for reasons of record in the office action mailed 5/3/2006.

Response to Arguments

Applicants argue in amendment filed 10/25/2006 that in the spirit of expediting the prosecution the claims have been amended to remove the objectionable language and to recite that the claimed nucleic acid has a sequence identity of at least 95% with SEQ ID NO: 17. Further applicant argues that the amendment to the claims provides the structure and function for the claimed nucleic acids. This is not persuasive. As discussed in the previous office action it is not known what parts of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17 encodes a chromo or fluorescent protein. SEQ ID NO: 17 is 1066 nucleotides in length leaving the skilled artisan with 53 nucleotides in variability that can adversely affect the protein encoded by any 95% of SEQ ID NO: 17, resulting in a protein that does not encode a chromo or fluorescent protein. Applicants have discovered a new protein, however, the instant specification is silent with regard to teaching the skilled artisan the structure of the protein encoded by the claimed nucleic acids. The instant claim 2, which claims an isolated nucleic acid that is encoded by SEQ ID NO: 17 would be more along allowable subject matter, should the claim become allowable.

No claims are allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

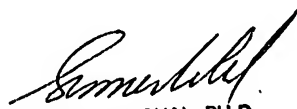
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Montanari whose telephone number is 1-571-272-3108. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Tr 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras can be reached on 1-571-272-4517. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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